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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Veal-Conrey House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

George Street, west side, 3rd. house south of the Canal

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

— YES RESTRICTED

— YES UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fannie Veal

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Mary V. Taylor, Box 434

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC  
Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #: HWL No. 16

Folio #: 453

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Another small structure built close to the sidewalk is the second house north of Second Street on the west side of George Street.

The George Street facade is very plain, two bays wide, two stories tall with grey German siding and plain white trim. The windows have 3/1 sash. On the first story, beside the two windows is a center door with glazed upper half. On the south side of the asymmetrical 'A' roof is a large masonry chimney.

Behind the main portion of the house is a low two story wing with leanto on the south and west sides.

The building presents an attractive asymmetrical line in its gable as well as the fact that it is leaning to the south.

A brick path leads to the back of the building on the side south of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Veal-Conrey House is an interesting element in the second block of George Street where most of the dwellings are small and built close to the street. It possesses a form which is unusual in Chesapeake City, with its assymetrical roof.

In 1893, Thomas Conrey paid one hundred and twenty five dollars for this lot. He probably had this house built from lumber from his sawmill as a rental property. Business men like Mr. Conrey tried to have work for their employees all year around. In the slack season he used these men to build houses on land he acquired around the town. By using lumber cut in his own mill, he kept costs at a minimum. This particular Conrey house remained in the Conrey estate until 1925 when the present owner bought it.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne &amp; Katherine Wein

May 10, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCEMARYLAND HISTORICAL  
TRUST

NPS Office Use Only

Project Number:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: Veal-Conrey HouseAddress of property: 109 George StreetCity Chesapeake City County Cecil State MD Zip Code 21915Name of historic district: South Chesapeake City Historic District
☒ National Register district
 ☐ certified state or local district
 ☐ potential historic district

## 2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ certification that the structure or building end, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

## 3. Authorized project contact:

Name Edward L. Cairns Title PartnerStreet 104 Jackson Hall Road City ElktonState Maryland Zip 21921 Telephone Number (during day): 301-398-3273

## 4. Owner:

Name This Old House (Partnership)Street P. O. Box 174 City Chesapeake CityState Maryland Zip 21915 Telephone Number (during day): 301-885-2270

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature Edward L. Cairns Date 5/28/86Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number 52-1455641

## NPS Office Use Only

The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

## Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

Veal-Conrey House  
Property Name  
109 George Street  
Property Address

CE-476  
PART 1

Use Only  
File Number  
CE-476

This Old House/52-1455641  
Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

5. Description of physical appearance:

This small two story house with very low interior ceilings is estimated to have been built in the 1890's by Thomas Conrey with the ~~pick~~ addition added by Veal in the 1930's. It is of frame construction, positioned very close to George Street, and sitting mostly on the ground with separated piles of rocks serving as a foundation. A previous owner had covered the outside with yellow aluminum siding but the last owner removed the siding to reveal a mixture of weathered wooden siding underneath. Vestiges of paint exist but it has been a long time since it saw a paint brush. The windows and doors are in generally poor (rotted) condition but some of the sash may be reuseable even if the frames are not. The most unusual feature is the assymetrical front (17) roof which is covered with a mixture of asphalt composition interlocking shingles and roll roofing.

The interior walls are drywall of late vintage which has been removed in some places to reveal badly deteriorated plaster underneath. (16)

There is a crumbling fireplace constructed from soft brick behind a partition in the living room (18) with a winding stair to one side (cont'd)

Date of Construction: 1890's Source of Date: Historic District survey

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1936- Newspapers used for insulation

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement of significance:

Typical of the working class residences in this 1800's canal town, this house is one of four side by side, on the west side of George Street in the first block remaining south of the canal. It is the only one of the four not yet restored. As a group, all are residential, of similar wood frame construction, and are set very close to the street. Individually, two have front porches and two (including this one) do not and they open immediately onto the sidewalk. Each have evidence that wings and appendages were added at various times from whatever materials might have been available so the four are similiar in some aspects and individual in others -- forming a "microset" representation of the entire historic district.

The attached 1877 map shows a building located on this lot, but it is believed to be an earlier one inasmuch as the records indicate this one was built in the 1890's.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☒ yes ☐ no

CONTINUATION SHEET

NPS Approved  
No. 1024-0003  
Expires 3-31-86

Veal-Conrey House  
Property Name

Historic Preservation  
Certification Application

NPS Office Use Only **CE-476**

109 George Street  
Property Address

Project Number:

This Old House / 52-1455641

Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

This sheet: ☒ continues Part 1 ☐ continues Part 2 ☐ amends Project. NPS Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

providing access to the second floor (19) where there are two low ceiling (4-7 feet) rooms.(25,28) The floors are painted wood covered with linoleum and in the case of the first floor there are several layers of linoleum on top of flooring of unknown condition and composition.

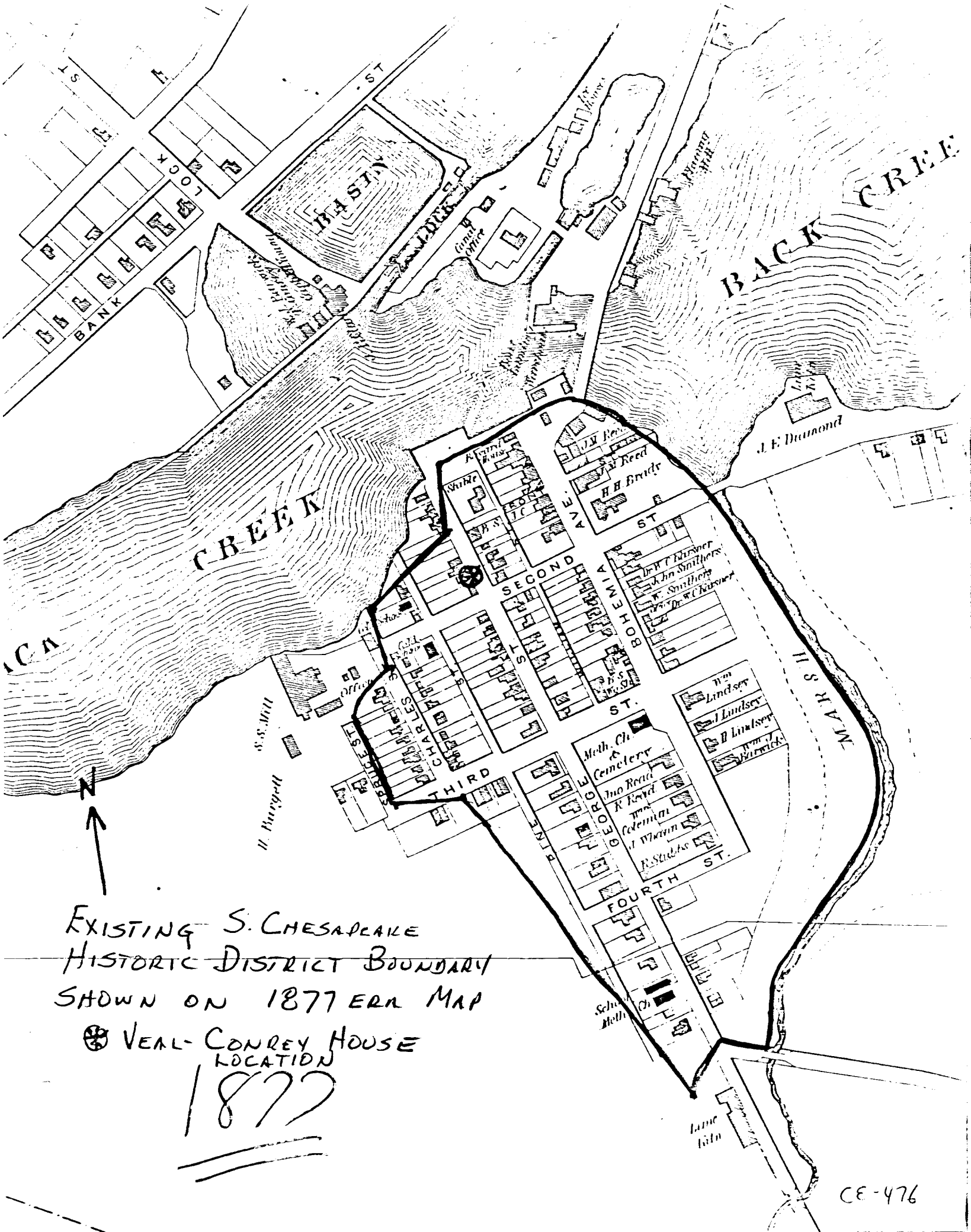
(\*) numbers in parenthesis refer to pictures

Owner's Signature Delwood H. Lamm Date 5-28-81

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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

Date \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Office \_\_\_\_\_



EXISTING S. CHESAPEAKE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
SHOWN ON 1877 ERN MAP

⊕ VEAL-CONREY HOUSE  
LOCATION

1877